

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0033] as follows:

[0033] In one embodiment, the leads 520 can be movable between the retracted and extended positions by an actuation mechanism. Illustrated in Figure 7 is one embodiment of an actuation mechanism 600 coupled to the leads 520 to permit the extension and retraction of the leads 520. The actuation mechanism 600 includes a cylindrical block 605 secured to a shaft 610. The leads 520 are connected at their proximal ends to the cylindrical block 605 such that the leads 520 move as the shaft 610 is advanced distally or retracted proximally relative to the cannula 515. The electrodes on the central lead 520e may be electrically coupled to the electrodes 545 ~~[[104]]~~ on the outer leads 520a-d (in which case it acts as an additional electrode of the same polarity as the electrodes on the outer leads 520a-d) or may be electrically isolated from the electrodes. When the core is electrically isolated, it can remain neutral during a treatment protocol, or alternatively it may be energized in the opposite polarity and thus act as a return electrode in a bipolar treatment protocol. Alternatively, the central lead 520e may move independently of the outer leads 520a-d.